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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
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The situation in Santo Domingo today has been relatively quiet and uneventful in contrast to the large and noisy anti-US rally staged by the rebels yesterday.

As yet we have received no indication of loyalist plans to try to counter the impact of the rebel rally. It would be surprising, however, if Imbert should let the event go by without reacting to it. The Imbert regime is planning demonstrations in several interior towns today.

On the rebel side, Radio Santo Domingo (Constitutionalist) announced this morning that the Dominican Lawyers' Association (ADA) has inquired about sending a delegate to the Afro-Asian Conference scheduled for Algiers on 29 June. The ADA, which is Communist-led, has reportedly requested that the Organizational Secretariat of the Conference permit a Dominican "delegate-observer" to explain the seriousness of the "US intervention" in the Dominican Republic.

The rebel radio also broadcast today a taped speech by former president Juan Bosch. In the speech, Bosch blamed the US for the present Dominican crisis and said that the Dominican people should be steadfast in their support for the 1963 constitution.

In concluding, Bosch stated that in June "there would be a solution, even though no agreement is reached." "Until that solution comes," Bosch continued, "everyone in our country, men,

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women, and children have a historic duty to perform --the duty of accompanying, helping, and supporting, with all the strength at their command, the constitutional government of President Caamano."

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The rebels appear to be becoming increasingly security conscious [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] It is now more difficult for persons to enter and leave the rebel-controlled area. Rebel guards are asking people the purpose and destination of each trip and those who wish to move household effects or enter the area with a truck must get special permission from one or more rebel strong-points (commandos). A US official, for example, who witnessed the rebel demonstration yesterday was temporarily "arrested" for not using an official identification card.

The interior Cibao region is reported calm and seemingly under the control of Imbert's forces. Manuel Bianchi, head of the Inter-American Human Rights Commission, visited the towns of Moca and San Francisco de Macoris yesterday and found no signs of trouble. Bianchi made no reference to atrocities in the area which the rebels had claimed occurred. The US Embassy comments that despite the picture of calm, there are reports that the rebels definitely hope to foment disturbances in this region.

Meanwhile, the three-man ad-hoc committee of the Organization of American States (OAS) is, according to Ambassador Bunker, functioning well and has established excellent working relationships with both Jose Mora, OAS Secretary General, and General

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Panasco Alvim, Inter-American Peace Force Commander. Thus far the committee has not come under direct attack from either the rebels or Imbert's supporters. However, the increasingly bitter anti-US line of rebel broadcasts may spill over against the committee or at least Ambassador Bunker's role in it.

The question of who fired the "mysterious" projectiles into the rebel area last Friday is still unanswered. Mora, who has promised a full report on the matter, informed the US Embassy yesterday that Colonel Cavalcanti, assistant military adviser of the UN team, was in the rebel zone at Caamano's request on the night of the firing so that he could observe cease-fire violations. Cavalcanti told a US Embassy officer yesterday that he never said the firing came from the area where US troops were located. This contradicts what Cesar Ortiz, UN public information officer, reported to the Embassy on Friday; it is possible that Ortiz, motivated by his partiality toward the rebels, went beyond what Cavalcanti actually reported.